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**BRICK STORE MUSEUM RELEASES NEW BOOK ON
KENNEBUNK HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE**

KENNEBUNK, Maine – Saturday, September 4, 2010, marks the launch of the Brick Store Museum’s newest book, *Windows on the Past: An Illustrated Guide to Kennebunk’s History through Architecture*. This much-anticipated, 67-page soft cover book is written by the museum’s archivist Rosalind Magnuson, edited by the museum’s executive director Tracy Baetz, and designed by Dietz Associates. The publication embodies 42 of Kennebunk’s historic properties, including Bourne Mansion, Kennebunk Depot, Lafayette Center, Storer Mansion, Wallingford Hall, and numerous Main Street buildings and Summer Street residences. The book represents a significant expansion upon the museum’s previous bestselling walking tour booklet, originally published in 1993.

Nearly all the major architectural styles of the past 200 years are reflected within a few short miles throughout Kennebunk, making it a unique and significant cultural resource. In 1963 Kennebunk was the first Maine town to establish an historic district, which was then recognized as a National Register Historic District in 1974. “Locals and tourists alike are fascinated not only by the architectural details but by stories of the people who built and lived in these buildings, and *Windows on the Past* encompasses both,” says Baetz.

Richly illustrated with full-color photography by Kevin Byron, *Windows on the Past* features a pull-out locator map which may also be purchased separately. Bonus material includes a time line, index, glossary of architectural terms, bibliography of historical resources, and images of related collections from the Brick Store Museum. *Windows on the Past* is made possible in part through grants from the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation and the Virginia Hodgkins Somers Foundation.

Windows on the Past retails for \$15.95 + tax, with a 10% discount for current Brick Store Museum members. Copies will be available for purchase through the Museum and selected retail outlets. A special book signing will take place at the Museum at 117 Main Street in Kennebunk on Saturday, September 25 from 10AM to 1PM.

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The Brick Store Museum is located at 117 Main Street in the midst of Kennebunk’s historic district. For more than 70 years, the Museum has been dedicated to preserving and exhibiting the region’s rich cultural and artistic heritage. Its galleries and research archives are open to the public year-round: Tuesdays – Fridays, 10 – 4:30 and Saturdays, 10 – 1 (closed holidays). Admission is by donation, suggested \$5 per person. Visit www.brickstoremuseum.org or call 207-985-4802 for further information.

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